

NHAFP Meeting Minutes November 19, 2014

Members present: Doug Dreffer, MD; Robert Kiefner, MD; Paula Leonard-Schwartz, MD; Amy Schneider, MD; Hilary Alvarez, MD; Peter Mason, MD; Louis Kazal, MD; Polina Sayess, MD; Gary Sobelson, MD; McKalyn Leclerc, MD; Joey Weng; Tanya Luttinger, MD; Melissa Duxbury, MD; Catrina Watson. Via phone: Mary Cullen, DO

Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Board has stated that there are no conflicts of interest with the agenda.

Introductions

Review minutes: Paula points out changes needed:

Motion: The NHAFP Board supports and authorizes co-sponsorship of the anticipated resolution regarding AAFP stewardship of the archives of Dr. Alan Blum if the delegates and alternate delegates unanimously **agree on final language**.

1- End AAFP alliance with Coca Cola – Board **does not** support.

We sent resident to KC not KS.

Motion to accept minutes as amended.

Motion passed.

President's Report: Has not had much luck getting chapters to answer how much they have in their accounts and what they do with it, but will continue to research.

A letter was sent to members updating on chapter affairs.

Discussion on PMP, have you used it and, if so, was it effective? Most agree it is pretty "user friendly," but you have to agree to the terms every time you are on. You can designate people to enter information, including nurses. Would be great to have state PMP rep come to our meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports presented to board. Annual report to Justice Department filed for foundation; however, there were mistakes. Will have accountant file for us from now on.

A new laptop, carrying case and PowerPoint advancer were purchased.

Motion to accept.

Motion passed.

Resident Report: Joey presented at the American Thyroid Conference. Maria Boylan attended the National STFM Osteopathic Conference. Jacky and Andy Velares presented on system complexity and won awards.

Three residents have signed; one staying in N.H. Interviews have begun for next year. 1,406 applications so far, which is up 10% from last year.

Student Report: A skills night was held October 28. Twenty first-years attended. No skills night planned for December because second-years have finals. Andrus and

Polina are planning a nutrition class to get people out and in their communities. A speaker is being sought; need funding.

Lifeline is doing Medicare wellness checks. Several offices receiving calls regarding it. Physician goes to patient's house. It is legal, but could be misuse of Medicare. More information is needed. Send something out on listserv.

Patients being denied cortisone shot until they have failed a year of narcotics. Evidence for shots is iffy, but promoting narcotics in a time when we have epidemic of abuse/misuse is ridiculous.

Physicians for a national health plan have a sponsor that will present legislation. That is loosely based on HR676. We will keep bringing it back until the time is right. It will be important to have doctors testify.

COD Reports: Written reports presented to board. Team of six attended and "did the work" in D.C. At the annual town hall meeting, important issues were addressed, such as GME reform and Health is Primary.

Polina testified three times at COD: medical marijuana, SNAP and practice enhancement.

Applause to delegation. Great job representing NHAFP!

Motion to accept COD reports.

Motion passed.

Bylaws amendment discussion.

Motion to designate Travis Harker as a representative of NHAFP on the NHMS Council.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting January 14.